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Club 'rooted' in environment

By Amy Dye

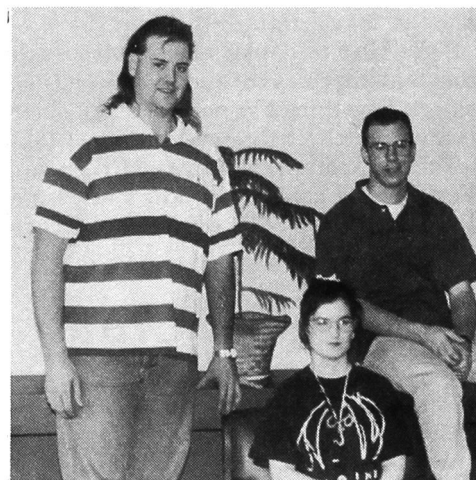
The Grassroots Environmental Club has brought a new awareness of environmental issues to the Southwestern campus.

The group began as a student protest group two years ago. Dr. Peter Grant and Dr. Stuart Burchett are co-sponsors.

In a recent interview, Grant stated that the goals of the organization are to inform the community about environmental issues. He stated they are working with Weatherford's recycling task force, as well as their Adopt-A-Highway project.

Club president Will Hickman said last year the club planted trees for homeowners here in town, and this year they are trying to plant a tree on cam-

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OFFICERS of the Grassroots Environmental Club include: from left, Will Hickman, president; Cherie Chain, vice president; and Eric Rager, secretary-treasurer.

Murder accomplices found six years later

By Zel Harrel

[Editor's note: The following article is the fourth in a series written by the nephew of the boy who discovered the severed head of the woman whose death inspired the legends surrounding Dead Woman's Crossing.]

A possible accomplice to the murder at Dead Woman's Crossing was arrested six years after the crime.

In July 1911, Harry K. Hood and a woman posing as his wife were arrested in Las Animas, Colo., for stealing money.

As the story goes, during interrogation Hood was told to tell the truth "or else." He admitted stealing the money.

"Is that all?," officers demanded.

"No, I stole five horses and

mules in Colfax, N.M.," he said.

"Is that all?," he was asked again.

"No," Hood finally confessed.

Dead Woman's Crossing

"We murdered a woman some six years ago in Custer County, Oklahoma."

Officers checked the horse and mule theft story with New Mexico authorities and found it to be true.

When Hood was able to describe the Kate James murder in some detail, officers believed this story could also be true.

The woman arrested with Hood gave her name as Altie Erickson, but she also went by the names Altie Hood and Altie Arnold. She was described by authorities as a keen, shrewd, criminal woman.

Hood related a statement made by Altie that her friend had committed suicide and had not "squealed." Officers imme-

diately recalled the ill-fated Mrs. Norton, who had confessed to her role in the crime six years

ago, then swallowed poison without identifying her accomplices.

Officers also recalled Mrs. Norton's statement that Mrs. James was turned over to a man in a wagon.

"The murder mystery of Kate James has been buried for six [See 'Dead Woman' Page 4]

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Editorial

Beware demon skiers from hell

By Ray Platt

With the advent of spring and warmer weather, the average college student tends to turn his or her mind to less scholarly pursuits, namely those regarding lakes or beaches.

One of these pursuits is waterskiing, a wonderful sport if you can keep your balance on the darn things.

Since I live on a lake, I get to witness the constant interplay between skiers and non-skiers. One thing I've noticed about skiers is that they think they own the whole lake.

This is apparent even on a lake the size of Fort Cobb. I don't know how many times I've seen some elderly couple out in a cove

fishing, when out of nowhere comes the hordes wanting to play swamp the boat. I've even seen skiers cutting close to shore where people are swimming.

Now I'm not knocking the sport of waterskiing.

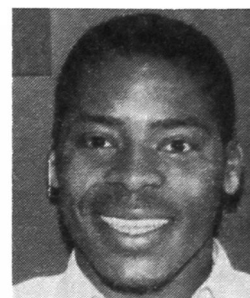
Like I said, it's a great sport, but it is also one where one or two careless or thoughtless people on the lake can ruin an afternoon for everybody.

If you're planning on doing some skiing this year, remember to be alert and aware of others on the lake.

Who knows, one of these days you might be out fishing in some cove when suddenly a group of thoughtless college students come out of nowhere and try to swamp your boat.

Dunford to compete in speaking contest

Lorenzo Dunford, a Southwestern Oklahoma State University student from Oklahoma City, recently qualified to be one of two Oklahoma representatives at an interstate oratory contest to be held April 25-27 in Austin, Texas.



Lorenzo Dunford

Dunford, who will be representing the university in the persuasive speech category, qualified at a recent national tournament held in Norman. The Austin event will be a competition between the states of Oklahoma and Texas.

Dunford is an active member of the Southwestern speech team and is a member of the Pi Kappa Delta speech fraternity.

Grassroots Club

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pus for Earth Day.

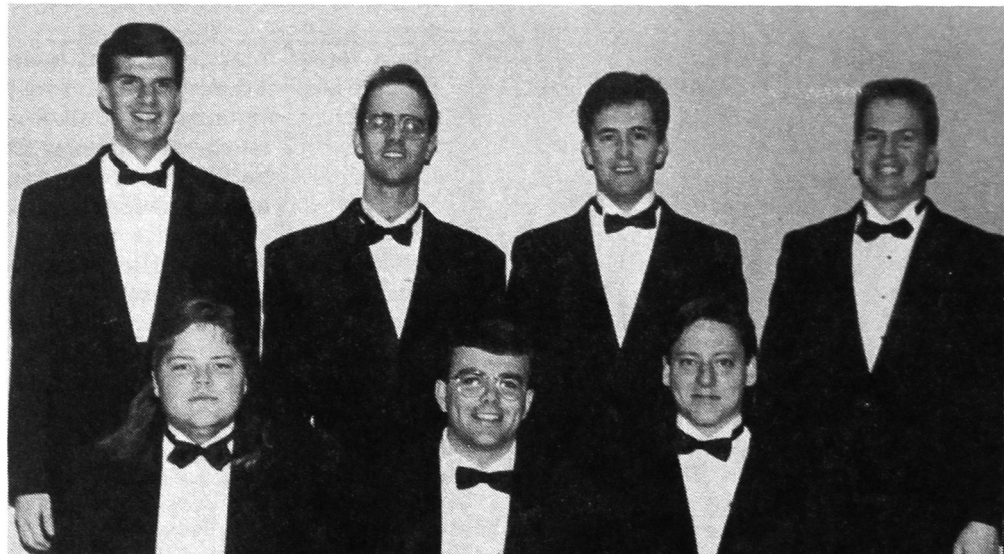
Hickman also said anyone interested in the club who could not make the meeting time of 5 p.m. on Wednesdays should contact him at 772-8025 with a more convenient time.

The club's regular weekly meeting is 5 p.m. tonight (April 1) on the second floor of the Science Building.

The club will discuss plans to clean a two-mile stretch of Highway 54 this Saturday under the statewide Adopt-A-Highway program.

The club's cleanup day corresponds to the national date, April 4.

The meeting will also feature a report on the Student Environmental Awareness Network meeting held last Saturday at Rose State College.



OFFICERS OF Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a professional music fraternity, are: front row, from left, Todd Balcom, executive alumni secretary; Shawn Haskins, warden, and Erick Schwickerath, Greek Council representative; back row, Marc Lau, kappel meister; Chris Wiser, president; Chris Barber, reporter-historian, and Steve Neuman, fraternity education officer.

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Student Senate to host blood drive

The Student Senate in conjunction with the Oklahoma Blood Institute will be hosting the annual two-day spring blood drive. This will be held Monday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 7 from 11 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

The blood drive has been active at SWOSU since September of 1978. Since that time, a

total of 8,061 units of blood have been donated by the great support of students, faculty, and staff. From this support there has been potentially 24,183 patients who have benefitted from the tremendous generosity of people affiliated with SWOSU. Let's keep the great support of donations coming for years.

The Student Senate will be

giving away prizes for those who donate blood. Free refreshments will be donated by the Oklahoma Blood Institute. Pizzas will be donated by Ken's and Pizza Hut.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call 774-3731 and leave a message for Mike.

Remember: The gift you are giving is the greatest gift of all—the gift of life.

MTSA attends spring break conference

The Music Therapy Student Association attended the Southwest Regional Conference in Amarillo, Texas, over spring break.

At the conference, students and professionals alike met to share ideas and therapeutic goals.

Seminars were presented in order to provide continuing education for professionals, information on new music therapy techniques, internship information, and opportunities to make contact with professionals and other students of the same occupational field.

A specific opportunity was the student forum in which the students from each university in the region presented activities and shared clinical experiences. The students from Southwest-

ern presented several activities from Dr. Michael and Julie Cassity's latest research endeavor.

Other opportunities included participation in business meetings.

At the student business meeting Ann Kiser was elected regional student treasurer. Kiser also holds the office of student treasurer on the national and local levels.

All students involved thought the conference was an enjoyable experience as well as a learning opportunity.

Dr. Michael Cassity, music

therapy director, presented an in-depth seminar of his assessments manual, "Psychiatric Music Therapy Assessments and Treatments Employed In NAMT-Approved Clinical Training Facilities with Adults, Adolescents and Children."

During the closing ceremony, Cassity also announced the location of next year's regional conference by entertaining everyone with his piano rendition of "Oklahoma!"

The local chapter is looking forward to the regional conference next year in Oklahoma City.

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Spring week activities set

Getting stressed? Student Senate has some activities planned to lighten your load.

The end of the annual spring week activities include:

9 p.m., Wednesday, April 1: Movie, "Hot Shots," outside of Student Union.

6:30 -7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2: Mr. SWOSU Contest, in front of library.

Thursday, April 2: Brandy's Beach Party, in front of library. Just listen for the music and come join the fun.



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University excelling in scholarship

Associate Vice Pres. Bill Kermis reports that Southwestern is making a strong showing at the national regional conferences this year.

Both students and faculty projects are appearing on programs throughout the region and nation. Kermis said faculty members who served as faculty advisers for student research deserve a special thanks, including: David Wright, Jim Blagowsky, Nancy McClain, Paul Nail, Francis Feeley and Jim Hunsicker.

Other faculty members who have sponsored student research that has been or will be presented at a conference this year should submit information to Administration Building Room 205 or call Kermis at extension 3769.

Efforts such as these will help achieve a goal expressed by the administration in August to earn confirmation by NCA that Southwestern a model institution in the area of scholarship, Kermis said.

Students present sociology papers

Three social science majors presented papers at the Southwestern Sociological Association's annual meeting in Austin, Texas, recently. Students and their papers presented included: Timothy S. Woods - "The Impact of Structure on Crime: A Cross-National Assessment," Dale L. Gossman - "Saklin and Kuril Islands: Ponds of Imperialism," and Jody Worley, "Revolutions: An Economic-Shift Hypothesis."

Pharmacy students publish papers

Linda Schultz and David Bergman, pharmacy students, published recent papers. Schultz published an article entitled "Update on Insulin Mixing," in *Pharmacy and Therapeutics Journal*, and Bergman has published eight papers in *Southern Pharmacy Journal* and *Pharmacy West*. His article, "The use of Albumin in Clinical Practices," also appeared in the *Archives of Internal Medicine*.

Associate V.P. attends meetings

Bill Kermis, graduate school, presented a paper and chaired a contributed paper session at the annual meeting of the Society for College Science Teachers in Boston. The paper was entitled "N.W.-Project Science and Mathematics for Mainstream and Special Needs Students: A Final Project Report." Kermis also presented a paper, entitled "Mathematics Activities for the Exceptional Learner," at the annual meeting of the Association for the Education of Teachers in Science in Boston.

Requests for Proposals

Support is available for clinical research projects within family medicine practice. The American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation will support grants of \$20,000 maximum. Deadline is Sept. 1.

Support is available for work on pertinent library services and information systems. The Council on Library Resources Inc. will support grants between \$5,000 and \$25,000. Deadline is open.

Dead woman

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years," the *Arapaho Bee* reported July 21, 1911. "The clues if now followed may bring to justice more than one culprit."

Henry DeWitt, the victim's father, travelled to New Mexico to talk to Hood and the woman. Hood recognized the father on sight and related to him the details of the murder. His testimony cleared up much of the mystery about the second team and the transfer of Mrs. James.

In his testimony, Hood said that the woman who pretended to be his wife once asked him to murder a husband, wife and child to get their team of horses in Colorado. He told her he could not kill anyone, to which she replied: "Nonsense, I killed a woman in Custer County six years ago and escaped easily."

The Custer County attorney decided to go to New Mexico to bring back Hood and his common-law wife.

New Mexico authorities

agreed to surrender the couple, but with no explanation the *Arapaho* newspaper that had been carrying stories on the couple's arrest and expected extradition dropped the story and made no further mention of the case.

A check with the district court in New Mexico revealed no mention of Hood and Erickson as far back as 1908 and there is no record of the couple ever reaching Custer County.

[Next: Epilogue—20 years later.]

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'Shrew' promises night of madness, mayhem

By Lisa Myers

"Taming of the Shrew" is one of Williams Shakespeare's wild and wonderful ventures into the realism of comedy.

It is so filled with love, desire, anger, dreams, misfortune, marriage, and mayhem, that it lives today as one of the most energetic and entertaining of Shakespeare's works.

"Taming of the Shrew" will be presented April 16-18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Science auditorium, directed by Claude Keser.

Baptista, played by Nickie Dodson, is the father of two daughters, Katherina, who is being played as 19 years of age, and the younger Bianca, 17.

Katherina, or Kate, being played by exchange student, Caroline MaCaulay, from Australia, is a young woman well

beyond her time. Today, she would be called a feminist. She feels that she "counts" in a society where a woman is supposed to "know her place, and stay in it."

Because of her nature, Kate has no suitors. Bianca, played by Lucinda Rodgers, has several men who want to marry her, however, the younger sister may not marry until her older sister is married, and "thereby hangs the tale."

As all classical comedies, this one ends with marriages and a party. But, getting from beginning to conclusion is a trip filled with imaginary father and son, servant and master, and even suitors and teachers.

Joe Thompson and his crew have designed the set to be expressive and massive, giving the theatre a new atmosphere. The flexibility given not only

benefits "Taming of the Shrew," but many other productions following. Kezer and the cast would like to thank Thompson for all of his hard work and dedication to the theatre.

All students and faculty are

admitted free with ID. Tickets for the play will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students not attending SWOSU. Admission is at the door, with no ticket sales.

This is an evening of comedy that must not be missed.

Weekend event encourages students: 'Don't go home'

By Sunni Taylor

SWOSU's First "Don't Go Home This Weekend" weekend, which was sponsored by the Sorority Council, was held this last weekend, March 20-21.

Many discounts were offered by local merchants to Southwestern students who showed an I.D.

The volleyball net at Parker Hall was open for use by all students and the SWOSU gym was open Friday and Saturday for use by all SWOSU students. A picnic held Saturday at Rader Park for all of the SWOSU Greek organizations.

The purpose of this event according to Paula Taylor, co-president of the Sorority Council, was to try to encourage more students to stay at SWOSU on the weekends. If more students stayed here on weekends this would result in more activities and things to do, also it would help to support local businesses, stated Taylor.

Taylor also stated that the Sorority Council hopes to make

this an annual event and eventually start including more activities.

Computer science lists class changes

By Travis Johnson

The Computer Science Department has made some changes in the summer schedule.

Time change: 3904 2493 Using Micros, from: 11:30 to 9:10 a.m.

The following courses have been deleted: 3902 1433 Basic Programming; 3903 2472 Desktop Publishing; 3906 4393 Basic II for Educators.

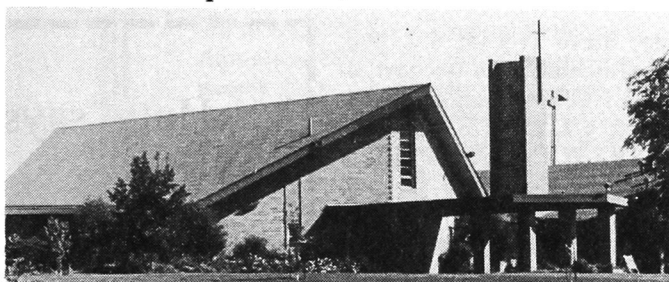
These courses have been added: Computer Assisted Instruction Section 3905 Comsc 4113, 10:20 a.m., Monday through Friday, instructor: D.J. McGurk; DBase Programming Section 3907 Comsc 4011S 1:45 - 5:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 1-5; instructor: M.L. Baugher.

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Snodgrass on 2nd team

Broomfield makes All-America

Linda Broomfield, a 6-0 senior guard for Southwestern's Lady Bulldogs, has been named to the NAIA Division I Women's Basketball All-America squad.

Broomfield, from Los Angeles, was one of 10 players named to the first team. She is joined on the squad by teammate Jackie Snodgrass, a 6-0 senior forward, who received second-team All-America honors.

Snodgrass, from Ames, is a returner to the All-America list after receiving first-team honors last year as a junior.

Broomfield, who missed five games at mid-season with an injury, finished the season with 404 points for a 13.9 average.

She garnered 161 rebounds (5.6 average) from her guard position, and led the Lady Bulldogs in assists with 107.

Snodgrass finished with 446 points and a 13.1 average and had one of the highest field goal percentages in the nation, downing 60.2 percent of her shots.

She grabbed 199 rebounds (5.9 average) and led the team in steals with 42. Snodgrass was one of 10 players in the NAIA named to Kodak's All-America team this year.

Broomfield added a couple of dimensions to the Lady Bulldogs with her speed, giving coach John Loftin's club a strong fast-break threat as well as a tough, full-court press.

Snodgrass finished her career with 1,516 points, and the two players helped Southwestern into last year's national finals and this year's national semifinals.

SW finished 30-4 on the year, winning District Nine and three games at the national tournament before falling to eventual champion Arkansas Tech.

Broomfield and Snodgrass led the charge during the national tournament, leading the Bulldogs to a 72-38 first-round victory over New Mexico Highlands. Southwestern went on to victories over Doane, Neb., 83-55, and Chaflin, S.C., 61-46, while reaching the semifinals.

Other Oklahomans on the list included Southern Nazarenes' Katrina Springer, who made the first-team squad for the second year in a row. Yeila Pieran of Panhandle State joined Snodgrass on the second team.

Two players from Oklahoma made the honorable mention list, including Stacy Johnson of Northeastern and Dana Posey of Phillips.

Bulldogs' strong start boosted by pitching

By JASON SHUCK

The Southwestern Bulldog baseball team is off to a good start this spring, sporting a record of 17-10-1.

Pitching has been on of the keys for the Bulldogs. Starters and their records thus far in-

clude Darren Hatten, 6-2 with one save, Josh Nesse, 4-1 with one save, Doug Kaiser, 4-2, and Roger Bingham, 1-2.

The bullpen has been big for the Bulldogs. Relievers and their records include Andy Eckstein, 2-1 with four saves, Tony James, 0-1 with one save, Darren Hunt, four saves, and Ray Oakes, 0-1.

Gridders list signees

Southwestern head football coach Paul Sharp recently announced the signing of 13 high school seniors and three college transfers who will begin or continue their collegiate football careers this fall for the Bulldogs.

Sharp and his recruiting staff have concentrated their efforts within the state, with only one high school prospect coming from out of state.

Southwestern finished the 1991 campaign with a 6-4-1 record. The Bulldogs, who are members of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference and the NAIA, were rewarded for their fine season with an appearance in the Aztec Bowl in Mexico City last December.

Players who have signed with Southwestern include:

FRESHMAN SIGNEES:

Kevin Carey, 6-2, 220, TE, Dewey; Brian Cogbill, 6-1, 215,

LB, Joplin, MO.; Jason Guy, 6-2, 215, DE, PC North; Dusty Hansen, 5-11, 175, QB, Shattuck; Keith Hardwich, 5-10, 170, WR, Wewoka; Jake Jensen, 5-10, 165, DB, PC North; Marshall Oliver, 6-1, 185, DB, Tecumseh.

Matt Porter, 6-0, 170, WR, PC West; Craig Schlessman, 6-1, 155, WR, PC North; Paul Stowe, 6-3, 240, OT, Putnam

City; Steve Trotter, 6-5, 280, DT, Guymon; Kyle Wichert, 6-2, 195, NG, Weatherford; Devin Wilcox, 6-1, 215, LB, Apache.

COLLEGE TRANSFERS:

Ronnie Hughes, 5-10, 175, FS, Mustang, from Missouri Southern; David Rivera, 6-2, 250, DT, Guymon, from Panhandle State; Brian Zalewski, 6-2, 265, OG, Okeene, from Cameron.



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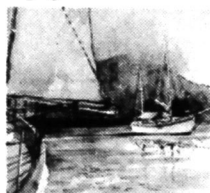
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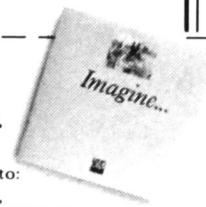
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Game show rewarded students' serious side *BSU to attend Spring Retreat at Falls Creek*

By Tasha Harmon

The Student Senate sponsored a comedy game show on the campus of Southwestern last month.

The game show was called "You Laugh, You Lose."

Its home base is Grand Rapids, Mich.

Three comedians performed for the students.

They were Joe Monti, T.J. McCormick, and Dwayne Clark.

The three comedians gave stand-up routines during the first half of the show.

The second half of the show consisted of contestants (SWOSU students) who attempted to keep from smiling, smirking, or laughing while the

comedians, dressed in funny outfits, asked them questions.

If the students were able to last one minute without laughing, they got to spin the cash wheel.

They also had a chance of going again on stage, but if they did not last the minute, they lost the money they had previously won.

All of the participants were given "You Laugh, You Lose" t-shirts whether they won or not.

At the end of the game, the top winner was allowed to spin the wheel once more.

Before the final spin, two \$100 bills were placed over the bust places on the wheel.

The top winner was Brian Bennet with a total cash win of \$50.

By Shelley Stokes

The Baptist Student Union will be having a Spring Retreat at Falls Creek on April 10-12.

This will be a time of fun and fellowship with other colleges across Oklahoma.

There will be volleyball, mushball, basketball, and other sports.

Entertainment for the weekend will be provided by ven-

triloquist Dennis Lee, and the speaker will be Keith Wiginton. Wiginton is the pastor at First Baptist, Altus.

He is also a SWOSU graduate. The commissioning service for Summer Misions will be held also.

The cost for this fun-filled weekend is only \$20. This is a great time to make friends across Oklahoma and within our own campus. For more information, call 772-2377.

Sigma Sigma Chi to hold initiation

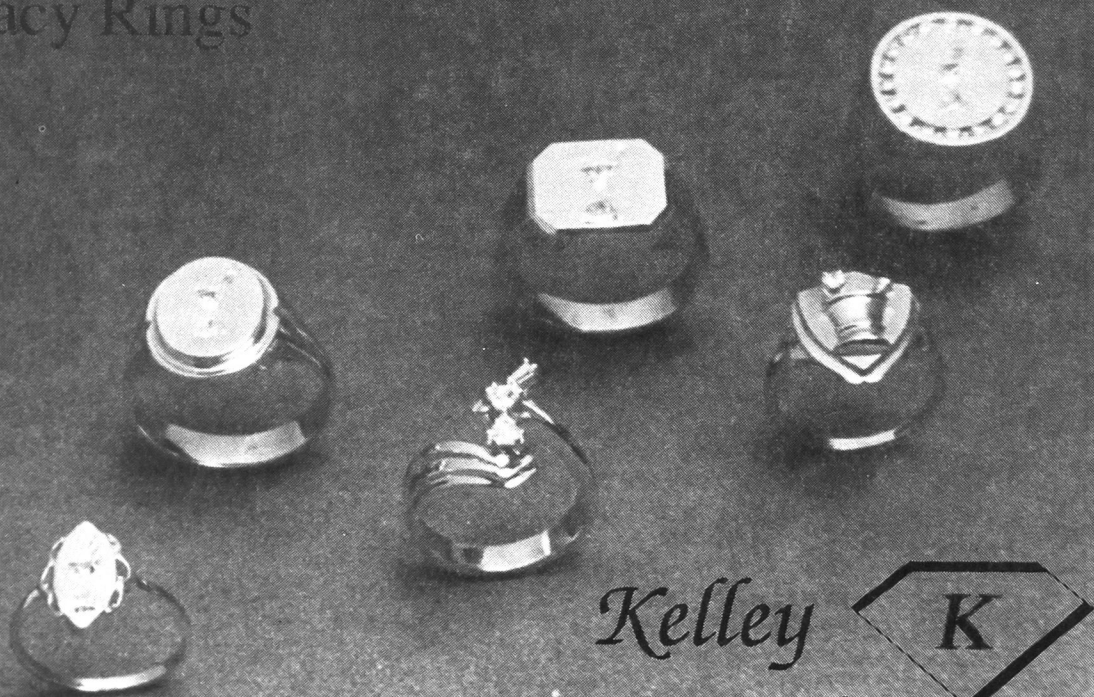
Sigma Sigma Chi spring initiation will be held April 5.

Spring pledges include: Darla Taylor, Tanya Powers, LaTasha Chisum, Cindy Brown, Jody Blaylock, Laura Walton and Bridgett Shklar.

An all-sorority spring formal was held Friday at the Hilton in Elk City.

Sigma Sigma Chi is hosting its second annual KATT dance Thursday, April 16, and all students are welcome to attend.

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